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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) issued the following statement today after House and Senate leaders announced they have reached an agreement on a long-term reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Bass said:

"I'm very pleased that House and Senate leaders have finally reached an agreement on a long-term reauthorization of the FAA, something I have called for numerous times since returning to Congress last year. It's absurd that Congress has had to pass 22 short-term extensions since 2007. The FAA deserves the stability and security that a long-term reauthorization would bring to safety and infrastructure planning. More importantly, a long-term agreement will ensure we avoid another partial shutdown of the agency and keep all FAA employees, including those in Nashua, on the job.

"I look forward to reviewing the details of the agreement and hope we can have a vote on it as soon as possible."

The House is expected to pass later today another short-term reauthorization to extend expiring FAA provisions through February 17, 2012. This will give members of the conference committee additional time to finalize bill language for the long-term reauthorization.

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